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SUBJECT: COMMONS DEBATES ON POSSIBLE INTERIOR ARRANGE-
MENTS FOR SUPPLYING FRG WITH URANIUM

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1. AFTER MEETING BETWEEN TRUDEAU AND SCHMIDT ON POSSIBLE
INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS FOR SUPPLYING URANIUM TO FRG,
JAMIESON (SEC. STATE EXTAF) SUBJECTED TO TOUGH QUESTION-
ING IN COMMONS ON JULY 13, 1977.

2. WHEN QUESTIONED BY CLARK, LEADER OF OPPOSITION ABOUT
TERMS OF INTERIM ARRANGEMENT HE SAID, "I SHOULD POINT
OUT THAT IT IS NOT AN AGREEMENT, EXCEPT IN THE SENSE THAT
IT IS A MATTER WHICH WE AGREED TO PUT BEFORE THE NEGOTIA-
TORS TO SEE IF IT CAN BE MADE INTO A FINAL SOLUTION TO
THE PROBLEM. THE POSITION IS THAT IN VIEW OF THE INFCEP
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STUDY, THAT IS A COMPLETE FUEL SAFEGUARD STUDY, THE PRO-
POSITION HAS BEEN ADVANCED THAT IT MAY BE POSSIBLE FOR
US TO RESUME SHIPMENTS TO ESTABLISHED CUSTOMERS ON A CON-
SULTING BASIS, THAT IS THAT THEY CONSULT WITH US IN
TERMS OF THE POSSIBLE REPROCESSING OR FURTHER USE OF THE
MATERIAL ON A LIMITED BASIS AND PURELY FOR THE TIME
DURING WHICH THE STUDY IS UNDERWAY. WE UNDERTOOK TO HAVE

THESE QUESTIONS REFERRED TO THE NEGOTIATORS FOR BOTH SIDES TO SEE WHETHER SOME SOLUTION WITHIN THAT FRAMEWORK MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO WORK OUT."

3. WHEN QUESTIONED BY CLARK WHETHER PROPOSED ARRANGEMENT WILL "SPECIFICALLY PROHIBIT TRANSFER OF CANADIAN URANIUM TO OTHER COUNTRIES IN EEC AND PARTICULARLY TO FRANCE, WHICH HAS NOT SIGNED THE NPT," JAMIESON REPLIED "I THINK THE ANSWER TO THAT IS YES. LET ME EMPHASIZE THAT WHAT WAS DISCUSSED WITH THE CHANCELLOR OF GERMANY WAS PURELY AND SIMPLY THE QUESTION OF THE RESUMPTION OF SHIPMENTS. THERE ARE SEVERAL ELEMENTS IN THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS AT THE MOMENT WHICH ALSO HAVE TO BE RESOLVED BEFORE ANY RESUMPTION, EVEN ON A LIMITED BASIS. ONE OF THOSE IS THE QUESTION OF RETRANSFERS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY, AND INSOFAR AS WE WERE ABLE TO DETERMINE AS OF YESTERDAY IT APPEARS THAT THERE IS A WILLINGNESS ON THE PART OF THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO ACCEPT CANADA'S CONDITIONS IN THIS REGARD. SINCE THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED FRANCE, INDICATIONS ARE THAT FRANCE WOULD BE PREPARED TO ACCEPT THOSE CONDITIONS."

4. CLARK THEN FOLLOWED WITH THE QUESTIONS: "IS IT THE ABSOLUTE POSITION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA THAT THERE WILL BE A PROHIBITION UPON THE TRANSFER OF MATERIALS TO FRANCE UNTIL FRANCE AGGEEES TO CANADIAN SAFEGUARDS AND CONFIDENTIAL

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STANDARDS? DOES THAT CONTINUE TO BE THE POSITION OF THE GDVERNMENT OF CANADA?"

5. JAMIESON ANSWEWRED: "THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN THE POSITION, AND THEREFORE AS THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION HAS STATED, THAT IS THE POSITION. I EMPHASIZE THAT THAT WAS NOT PART OF THE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE GERMAN CHANCELLOR BECAUSE WE WERE DEALING EXPRESSLY WITH THE RESUMPTION OF SHIPMENTS. INCIDENTALLY, THERE ARE THREE OR FOUR OTHER ELEMENTS OF SIGNIFICANCE WHICH HAVE NOT YET BEEN RESOLVED, AND AS THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION STATED, OUR POSITION IS AS WE HAVE DECLARED IT TO BE SINCE THE FIRST OF THE YEAR."

6. COMMENT: JAMIESON'S ANSWERS ARE CONSISTENT WITH EXTAFF'S REMARKS TO SCICOUNS (REFTEL OTTAWA 6249) THAT SIGNIFICANT ELEMENTS SUCH AS URANIUM AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFEERS AND REPROCESSING APPROVAL HAVE TO BE PINNED DOWN AND AN AGREEMENT REACHED BEFORE URANIUM SHIPMENTS RESUME. PRESUMABLY SCHMIDT/TRUDEAU TALKS PROVIDED ONLY ONE ELEMENT TO HELP NEGOTIATORS. ENDERS

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